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are rich in species, the first named having about five times the normal per cent. On the other hand it is interesting to notice the low per cent of species of Vernoniaceæ, Inuloideæ and tribes seven to thirteen inclusive. Curiously the North American Cichoriaceæ, which contain fifty-two per cent of the genera, include but a little above six per cent of the species!

We can take no more space here for further notice of this most valuable addition to our botanical literature. We but express the earnest hope and wish of all workers in botany that the veteran author may be spared to give us the remainder of our flowering plants in the Synoptical Flora.—*C. E. B.*

ALLEN'S HUMAN ANATOMY.<sup>1</sup>—This work, the issue of the first part of which was noticed in this magazine, is now completed by the appearance of Section VI, which treats of the organs of sense, organs of digestion and genito-urinary organs. This part alone contains a hundred and sixteen wood-cuts and sixteen full-page engravings. It need scarcely be said that full justice is done to the various organs mentioned in the title page, but it may be added that a chapter is devoted to the superficial and topographical anatomy of the various parts of the body, and another most interesting one to embryology and the study of malformations—a subject to which Dr. Allen has given considerable study. The illustrations are so drawn as to be especially clear to the student.

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